

WATCH THE DATE!
On your label is a date;
Renew before it is too late.

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Shoots His Wife and Then Turns Gun Upon Himself

Ora Newberry Is Dead But The Wife Will Recover

Ora Newberry and his wife lived at Benton City. They came here from Farmer City, Ill., about 12 months ago. Newberry worked as a section hand on the Wabash at Benton City. They had two children, a little girl, Hazel, two years old, and a boy, 13 months old. Some time since an ugly feeling arose between the husband and wife. They separated. Newberry filed suit for divorce in Mexico, charging his wife with infidelity. He and his wife and baby were in a room to themselves when Mrs. Faron heard shots. Newberry shot his

wife thru the right lung and then shot himself thru the head, dying instantly. Mrs. Newberry, seriously injured, was hurried to the Hospital.

Newberry was 25 years old and his wife is 18. They had been married four years. Newberry's body was taken to his old home in Illinois for burial. The father, B. L. Newberry, and a brother, John Newberry, came for the remains.

Newberry had \$2,000 life insurance in the Modern Woodmen of America, which goes to his two children.

File your order for seed corn.
S. P. Emmons and Son.

Mrs. Nora Newgent left yesterday for St. Joseph where she will make her home with her son. She's a fine woman and will be greatly missed in the Molino neighborhood.

Mrs. Mary Gibbs, near Skinner, seventy-eight years old, died Friday night. Death resulted from pneumonia. She was a sister of Mrs. John Cleveland who died recently in the same neighborhood of the same disease. Mrs. Cleveland's husband died also recently of the same malady. Mrs. Gibbs was a native of St. Louis. She had been a widow for a number of years.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank of Vandalia have consolidated.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Thursday, February 10, 1916.

At the home of Dr. Ed. Duncan, deceased, 4 miles northwest of Molino, the following personal property, to-wit:

41 HEAD LIVE STOCK—Six head of horses and mules. One draft mare, 14-yr-old, in foal to horse; Saddle mare 11 yr-old; bay mare, 5-yr-old; bay filley, saddle bred, 3-yr-old; 1 horse mule colt, coming yearling. 1 bay mare, 15 hands 1 in. 7 years old.

4 Head of Cattle—One 11-yr-old milk cow; 1 coming 2-yr-old heifer, will be fresh in spring; 2 sucking steer calves.

11 Hogs—Eight shoats, will weigh about 85 lbs; 1 male hog, thro-bred Chester White; Two sows.

20 Sheep—breeding ewes 2 to 6 yrs Farming Implements—1 Deering mower, 1 wheat fan, new sulky rake, 6-shovel cultivator, 12-in. breaking plow, diamond plow, double-shovel corn planter, 2-horse disc cultivator, 4-horse disc, sled, 3-horse wagon, 3-section harrow, buggy, ladder, broadcast seeder, emery wheel, springseat saddle, scalding box, Stack hay, corn.

Terms—Amounts less than \$10, cash; over that sum, 9 months time bankable note at 8 percent. No property removed till terms complied with.
J. G. Ford, Auctioneer;
J. C. Mundy, Clerk.
JOE P. DUNCAN, Administrator.

Mr. J. B. Evans, of the Evans Construction Co., of this City, and Miss Annie Byrns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Byrns, also of this City, surprised their friends Sunday afternoon by getting married. The ceremony was at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. O. Olin Green, of the Baptist church, officiating. Only relatives and close friends attended. The happy couple left immediately for a visit in Minnesota and North Dakota.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Pryor Will Study in Washington University, N. Y.

The Mexico School Board has given Superintendent Herbert Pryor leave of absence and he will go to New York City where he will enter Washington University and study seven months, giving special attention to school administration.

Washington University stands at the head of schools of its kind in the United States. Chicago University ranks second.

Mr. Pryor will be gone till August. His absence is without pay. Prof. L. H. Strunk, Principal of the High School, has been elected Assistant Superintendent and will assume Mr. Pryor's duties in his absence. Mr. Strunk is able and experienced and will keep pushing the Mexico schools to the front.

Mr. Pryor has done a fine work here, and when he returns he will be better equipped than ever.

THE WEATHER.

It's been bad. Sleet again has covered the ground for several days. The roads are awfully rough and there is but little travel. The sun shown yesterday and the ground has seen his shadow and went back into his hole, and there'll be six more weeks of winter.

VANDALIA GIRL WINS.

Iowa State College of Agriculture held an extension course at Massena, Iowa, ending Jan. 22nd.

There was an enrollment of 82 members in the Domestic Science Department. Miss Mattie Butler of Vandalia, Mo., won first place in the examination held at the completion of work given. In addition to her high average Miss Butler outstripped the second competitor by 10 per cent.

CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY.

A goodly number of Mrs. L. A. Ferguson's friends at Thompson met with her recently to help her celebrate her 80th birthday. All came with well-filled baskets and all enjoyed a fine day. Among those present were: Sumner Davis and family, L. E. Davis and wife, Noah Neff and family, George Chadwick, of Mexico, Felix Dudley, D. W. McKeehan, Wm. Riggs, Hiram Ferguson and family, Miss Katie Hoover, Mrs. Frank Hoover and little daughter, Thelma, S. Ferguson, and Mrs. Sturdevant and Mrs. Ollie Jones.

W. W. Pollock of Mexico has been honored by being appointed a member of the National Grain Dealers Association board of directors.

Hamilton Bros., south of Mexico, held their big annual horse sale on Tuesday. Young Rex McDonald, son of the champion Rex McDonald, was sold to a St. Louis man for \$3,500. Rex Arbuckle, a stallion 17 years old, sold to Gordon Crow of Curryville for \$175. There were many other notable sales.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for service rendered at the death of our beloved wife and mother during death and burial.
Peter Ackermann and family.

J. A. Reighley, southwest of Mexico, fell on the ice a few days ago and fractured a rib.

Luther Davidson, near Thompson, lost a fine horse this week.

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Mexico Savings Bank
\$ 44th Year in Business
\$ Capital Stock, \$150,000
\$ W. W. FRY, President.
\$ J. R. JESSE, Cashier.
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'NOTHER FINE LETTER.

Clyde Weaver Speaks of His Future Hopes.

Centralia, Mo., Jan. 30, 1916.
Mr. John Beal, Mexico, Mo., Dear Editor: Was very pleased to see the old Hedge Dale School picture in the Message. And as I am interested in the others in the picture—am glad to hear from them. I consider it a great pleasure to let you hear from me.

Circumstances are such with me that I have been unable to work toward the realization of my ambitions of the Hedge Dale school days. But as I am having fair success on the farm, am sure that perseverance and patience will win in the end.

I hope that, no matter whether success or failure comes my way, I shall be able to "Live in my house by the side of the road and be a friend to man."

Yours truly,
JAMES CLYDE WEAVER.

LADDONIA LETTER.

Jan. 30 being the 73 birthday of Mr. Jacob Freyer his children and grandchildren surprised him. Mr. Freyer as usual attended S. S. and church service at the Presbyterian church, returning home he found them with well filled baskets ready to wish him happy-returns of the day. The beautiful birthday cake baked by Mrs. Wm. Freyer was served to the guests. A day to be long remembered by our worthy mayor. Those present were: Wm. Freyer and family, Leslie Freyer and family, Chas. Freyer and wife and son, Mr. and Mrs. M. Morris of Wellsville, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Thompson, Mrs. Helen Freyer, Mrs. F. A. Jungerman and son, of of Malta Bend, Miss Helen Graham of Mexico.

James Moore, 6 miles north of Laddonia, died of pneumonia Jan. 26, 1916, and was buried the 28th in Laddonia cemetery. Mr. Moore was a veteran of the Civil War, 74 years old. He had long been a consistent member of the Christian church.

Richard Hagan, son of E. R. Hagan, died Friday evening of tuberculosis. Funeral services at the Catholic church in this place. He was buried at Littleby cemetery beside his wife who preceded him four years. Besides father, mother, brothers and sisters he leaves a little daughter, Elizabeth, four years of age. He was 26 years old.

THOMPSON LETTER.

Jan. departs. Glad to send time along with so much sleet and snow.

The mail carrier on route 2 from Thompson has been unable to make his route for one day each week for the past three weeks,—high water.

Jas. Beatty and family visited Brish Daniel near Centralia Monday. Mrs. Leonard Jenkins has been confined to her bed for two weeks.

Mary Catherine Morris entertained Vera Dempsey and Sylvia Jones Monday night, Jan. 29, her 12th birthday.

Miss Lola Spencer visited home folks near Rush Hill Saturday.

Mrs. Gibbs, living north of Liberty church, died Friday night. Her remains were interred in Liberty cemetery Sunday. Bro. Herndon preached her funeral at Liberty.

John Thomas of Louisiana visited the families of his sisters-in-law, Mesdames Squires, Beatty and Dalby, the week past.

Will Riggs and wife, Sumner Davis and family, visited W. H. Dempsey and family Sunday.

We will offer for the next ten days 10 per cent on all rugs, including the best line of Wiltons made for the money.

Ricketts & Emmons D. G. Co.

Concerning Walter Hafner's Prize Seed Corn; The Cultivation

Rush Hill, Mo., Jan. 26, 1916.
Editor Message, Dear Sir:—Your kind invitation to write a brief article for your valuable paper, how I grow my corn, is very pleasing to me. I fear, however, that your readers will be disappointed to learn that this corn was planted and cultivated in the ordinary manner.
The soil was second year sod, creek bottom. I broke the ground eight inches deep as early as the ground was dry enough to plow. When planting time came I worked and pulverized the ground, first using a heavy roller, disc and smoothing harrow. After this the corn was drilled about fourteen inches apart. One-third, however, was destroyed by grub-worms, so I harrowed the ground thoroly and planted a second time. The second planting was totally destroyed by the worms, so I started to cultivate the first planting, using a six-shovel cultivator. This plow was also used in the second cultivation. The season being extremely wet I did not get to cultivate any more, but managed to lay this corn by, using a disc cultivator and throwing a medium ridge. Owing to the thin stand this corn made only 64 bushels to the acre. The quality, however, was good. The variety was Bone County White.
The seed was selected with great care. Every ear used was a show ear. The selection of good seed cannot be practiced with more visible results than in the selection of pure-bred seed corn.
Walter Hafner.

FARM and STOCK.

The Farber Forum states that Mrs. Henry Schleeter, one of the thrifty farm wives of that community, sold produce as follows last year: Eggs, \$70.76; chickens, \$73.96; ducks, \$32.17; butter, \$60.56; cream, \$2.96. Total, \$240.40. Mrs. Schleeter formerly lived just south of Mexico.

Auxvasse Review: W. J. Woods bought the following horses in Mexico last Saturday, prices ranging from \$25 to \$140: 1 mare each from J. T. Pollard, G. R. Johnson, J. W. Creasey, C. L. Williamson, W. A. Shroat, J. T. Davis; horses from each of the following: E. W. Vandalingham, C. M. Fox, Jim Woods, Jack Woolery and C. R. Brown; one mule each from J. T. Crews, Laddonia Bros., and C. T. Kyger; horse and mare, C. L. Ligon; 2 mares, Wayne Bradley.

Ralph Hutcherson of this city put a hen on 15 Buff Orpington eggs January 5th and the 26th 11 of the eggs hatched. He has a charge now during this winter weather.

Mrs. Delbert Roberts of Monroe county has been shipping her butter to the Kansas City market for a year and getting 40 cents a pound for it. That's it, if you are going to buy of the big mail order houses, why not make some of them come across—and buy from you? But we're not saying anything. Buy from whom you please.

S. P. Emmons and Son are offering 500 bushels of choice Seed Corn. File your order now.

E. S. Gant was in Kansas City on legal business this week.

Wm. Arthur Jones, 24 years old, who died last Wednesday from an overdose of poison, was buried at Elmwood Thursday, funeral being held at the Presbyterian Church. He was the adopted son of Mrs. Wm. Steffen, with whom he had lived since he was nine years old.

We have 500 or 600 bushels of choice Seed Corn. File your order now. S. P. Emmons and Son.

Mrs. Mary Ackerman, 78 years old, near Rush Hill, died last week of heart trouble. She was born in Switzerland in 1837. Came to America when 14 years of age. Was married to Peter Ackerman in Illinois when 25 years of age. She was the mother of seven children. The husband and six of the children survive her. We were promised an obituary thru the mails, but it has not yet reached us.

J. F. Heinlen, 6 miles south of Mexico, will have a public sale Wednesday, Feb. 16.

W. J. Britt at Rush Hill is arranging for his big annual sale of Poland China hogs. The sale will be Thursday, March 9th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. U. O. Musick, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 30, a fine new girl. The Musicks have many friends in this section of Mo., where they formerly lived, who rejoice with them at the new arrival.

Real Estate Sales

J. D. Tucker to Harvey Coons, warranty deed, consideration \$1.00 and lot 8, block 16, lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and part of lots 2 and 7, block 7, original Vandalia.

E. E. Jones by trustee to Cotton Lumber Co., trustees deed, consideration \$500. Lot 3, block 1, Trolley Heights addition to Mexico.

J. S. Asbury to B.O. and A.C. Williams, warranty deed, consideration \$1.00 and other, west half of nw of 17-51-8.

Sallie C. Bland to Warren Bland, warranty. Consideration \$1.00 and other, part of east half of 8-52-5, lots 7, 8, block 57, original Vandalia; parts of blocks 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, Blands 2nd addition to Vandalia.

Joe Considine to Wheeler Gant, warranty, consideration, \$400, half interest in 60 ft. lot, east half of northwest of 24-51-1.

Charles F. Clark to Fannie B. Bledsoe, warranty, consideration \$1.00 and other, halves interest in sw of 6 and nw of 7-51-9 and se of 1 and ne of 12-51-10.

Fannie B. Bledsoe to Chas. F. Clark warranty, consideration, \$1.00 and other, parts of blocks 2 and 3, Guthrie addition to Mexico; half interest in s half of 15 and n half of 22-52-10 and west half of se of 6 and ne ne of 7-51-9.

Henry Copman to Trientje Heinicke, quit-claim, consideration \$1.00, west half of nw and west half of se nw of 8-51-7.

Virgil C. King to Laddonia Real Estate Co., warranty, consideration, \$200 west half and w 8 ft. of east half of lot 4, block 4, Laddonia.

Laddonia R. E. Co., to Farmers' Bank of Laddonia, warranty, consideration, \$2.00, n 25 ft. of lot 1, block 5, Laddonia, (conveying 2nd story.)

W. J. Neiswander to Clara E. Ronguer, warranty, consideration, \$26,000 se and east half of sw of 10 and west half of sw of 11 and nw nw of 14-52-11.

John J. Havesmann to Harry A. and Maude Johnson, warranty, consideration, \$1,350, lots 1 and 2, block 1, Harrison's Addition to Mexico.

Mrs. Harriet Turner has been very sick.